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COMMENTS INVITED ON PETITION FOR FORBEARANCE FILED BY THE VERIZON TELEPHONE COMPANIES WITH RESPECT TO THEIR BROADBAND SERVICES

WC Docket No. 04-440

Comments Due: February 8, 2005
Reply Comments Due: March 10, 2005

On December 20, 2004, the Verizon Telephone Companies (Verizon) filed a petition for forbearance from applying Title II and the *Computer Inquiry* rules to any broadband services offered by Verizon. This petition raises issues similar to those in the petition for forbearance filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. on October 27, 2004.¹

This public notice establishes certain procedural requirements relating to consideration of Verizon's petition. This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200, 1.1206. Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented generally is required. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b). Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on Verizon's petition on or before **February 8, 2005**, and reply comments on or before **March 10, 2005**. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Suite TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. One courtesy copy must be delivered to Janice M. Myles at the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, 445 12th Street, SW, Suite 5-C140,

¹ See Public Notice, *Comments Invited on Petition for Forbearance Filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Regarding Incumbent LEC Provision of Broadband*, WC Docket No. 04-405, DA 04-3507 (rel. Nov. 3, 2004); Public Notice, *Wireline Competition Bureau Extends Reply Comment Deadline for Petition for Forbearance Filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Regarding Incumbent LEC Provision of Broadband*, WC Docket No. 04-405, DA 04-3988 (rel. Dec. 20, 2004).

Washington, DC 20554, or via e-mail, janice.myles@fcc.gov, and one copy must be sent to Best Copy and Printing, Inc., Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone 1-800-378-3160, or via e-mail, fcc@bcpiweb.com.

Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <<http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the subject line "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

Parties that choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. Filings may be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Natek, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554.

Filings and comments will be available for review and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 418-0270. A copy of the application may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, telephone (202) 488-5300, facsimile (202) 488-5563, or via e-mail at fcc@bcpiweb.com.

For further information regarding this proceeding, contact Brad Koerner, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418-1580, or via email, brad.koerner@fcc.gov. The TTY number is (202) 418-0484.

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